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## THIS YEAR'S JOINT WAR GAMES

## PLANNING A NAVAL ATTACK ON WASHINGTON OR BALTIMORE.

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WASHINGTON, March 4.—Officers of the army and navy are planning to have a naval attack on either Baltimore or Washington as a feature of this year's joint maneuvers. The theatre of operations as outlined in a project now before the joint army and navy board includes the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, the bay itself and its tributaries. Another project before the board contemplates an attack on San Francisco. It is practically certain that one or the other of these plans will be adopted.

Some months ago it was proposed to suspend the maneuvers for a year because there was a disposition on the part of Congress not to make a large enough appropriation. The attack of the Japanese warships on Port Arthur has aroused the officers interested in coast defense work, however, and the project of having the maneuvers in the Chesapeake Bay has been revived. The maneuvers in the New London district in 1902 and off Portland in 1903, the year of the Spanish-American war, were of weak points that have been remedied.

It is admitted that Fort Monroe cannot prevent the entrance of a hostile fleet into the bay, and that the important protection to Hampton Roads. Army officers have been urging for some time that Cape Henry be fortified, and this project has been revived. It was when he was Secretary of War. Once in Chesapeake Bay and beyond the reach of the guns of Fort Monroe, army ships could pass on to Baltimore or Washington.

Only two forts protect the national capital, Fort Mifflin on the Maryland side of the Potomac, and Fort Hunt, on the Virginia side. Fort Washington is strongly fortified, but Fort Hunt is comparatively weak. Whether the navy could pass these forts during the maneuvers is a question which can only be determined by the war game itself, and it is largely for the purpose of ascertaining the value of these fortifications that army officers are desirous of having the maneuvers take place in the bay.

The army is very anxious to have the service of a number of torpedo boats in connection with maneuvers in the Chesapeake, and the claim is made that torpedo boats would be used by the land forces in actual war, they should be tried in connection with the shore batteries. The War Department sought to have them used in the previous maneuvers, but the board which prepared the plans of the war game disapproved of the idea, and has not yet authorized it to be made this year.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Treasury Department to-day sent to the House the request of Secretary Taft for an appropriation of \$5,000 for the "dedication of the statue of Frederick the Great," which has been presented to the American people by the German government.

The statue, which is to be placed in the grounds of the new War College in this city.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The governments of the Argentine Republic and of Mexico have recognized the Panama Republic. This leaves, with the exception of Colombia, only three South American governments which have not recognized the Republic. They are Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. It is said that they are in correspondence on the subject of determining upon identical action.

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